World Bank assisted Urban Development projects also include slum upgradation components Besides, a special assistance of Rs. 100 crores is to be provided to the Govt. of Maharashtra during the Seventh Plan for solving the acute housing and slum problems in Bombay. Besides this, grants amounting to Rs. 49.00 lakhs have also been released during 1986-87 to the State Governments under the Centrally sponsored Plan Scheme of Urban Basic Services to improve quality of life of the urban poor.

Survey of vacant lands in the urban areas

2273. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently conducted a survey under the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act to find out the total hectares of vacant lands in the urban areas of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to levy a vacant land tax; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. However as per the statement filed by individuals under Section 6 of the Act, 1,68,182.70 Hectt. of vacant lands are available in urban areas covered under the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976.

(b) and (c). National Commission on Urbanisation, in its interim report, have recommended that the surplus vacant land should be subject to a cess/tax ranging from Rs. 3 per sq. mater to Rs. 50 per sq. meter, depending on location of the land. This recommendation is being examined.

Drought and flood affected areas

2274. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether a large number of areas of the country had increasingly come under the range of drought and flood during the last three years and if so, the details of the area affected by drought and flood, separately, during the years 1984, 1985, 1986 and so far in 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Statement-I gives the area affected due to flood etc., during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986. (*See* below) The extent of cropped area affected by drought during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given in Statement II, III and IV. respectively.

Statement—I

Area affected due to flood etc.

(*Area in lakh hectares*)

S. No.	State/U.T.	1984	1985	1986
1	Andhra Pradesh	32·15	0·06	9·06
2	Assam	15·16	6·47	4·26
3	Bihar	26.44	7·85	19·04